



# The Student Informer

Stark State College of Technology

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## Phi Theta Kappa Attends Regional Awards Convention

Mary J. Davis ~ Public Relations Officer

On Saturday March 13, 2004, Phi Theta Kappa officers and advisor attended the annual Ohio Region Awards Convention.

The first part of the day we attended numerous Regional meetings and break out sessions.

The second part of the day we attended the awards banquet, where the real fun began. Not only did we have a fabulous dinner, but also enjoyed the entertainment from Mike Stevens, founder of ArtsCan Circle, and a guest, who played the

harmonica and violin.

The ArtsCan Circle is an independent, volunteer-run group working to link creative artists with Native youth at risk in Canada. Phi Theta Kappa has supported this wonderful cause for the last year by donating musical equipment and sheet music.

After dinner, the excitement kicked into gear as chapters started to receive their awards. Our chapter received a plaque for hosting the 2003 Mini-Honors Convention this past

September, a certificate for hitting our Pinnacle, which means we have inducted 10% more new members this past year over last. Our advisor, Cherie Barth, received the Horizon Award for being nominated "Most Distinguished Chapter Advisor".

To top the night off, we received a certificate for becoming a "Five-Star Chapter", which is the highest level of achievement to accomplish in Phi Theta Kappa. Phi Theta Kappa has had a wonderful year...be on the lookout for much more for us in the days to come!!!



## Farewell to Stark State

Sabrina Morton

This past year has gone by too quickly. From asking politely for articles to downright begging it's been quite an experience. Not to mention a few odd class assignments thrown in for variety. My term as Student Editor has come to an end. I would like to send heartfelt thanks out to all the students and faculty that have helped establish the paper as more than just one person's hobby. I enjoyed meeting faculty members as they sent their submissions and I was always grateful for each student that helped me produce a product I was proud of. Along with my thanks I would like to ask each of you to continue submitting, and helping your paper grow.

I'm passing the responsibilities on to a very capable person Brian Lizotte, currently the assistant editor. He will be more than willing to help put your ideas in motion. My time at Stark State comes to a close, but I'm very happy to say that thanks to all the students and faculty it has been a memorable experience. Thank you for all your help, and I wish everyone a bright future.

## CSA Volunteer Opportunities

Brian Lizotte

CSA (Charity of Saint Augustine) wants you to become part of an outstanding volunteer staff that contributes over 80,000 annual service hours!

Requirements:

- \*College student, 18 years old or older
- \*School counselor works with CSA Volunteer Coordinator. Reference and application submitted.
- \*Background check.
- \*Commitment to work for a given number of hours per week.
- \*Works with CSA Volunteer Coordinator.



This will include orientation, sharing of learning experi-

Steps for becoming a CSA Volunteer:

- \*Complete a CSA Volunteer Services application form.
- \*Attend Orientation to learn about your role in the program and about policies and procedures.
- \*"On-the-job" or specialized training.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- \*Hospital experience
- \*Clerical experience
- \*Caring for others
- \*Special projects
- \*Attend meetings and Programs
- \*Computer a tutoring.

For more information, contact the school's Director of Service and Social Outreach, or call Sister Mary Lois, C.S.A. at Mercy Medical Center in Canton, Ohio @ (330) 489-1000

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## The Zero Philosophy

-Tony Milliken-

-Through the breadth of human perception, life has no beginning and no end. There is only middle. Life has no end it is only middle. Therefore, if applied to mathematical spectrum, life itself is a constant.

By definition 0 is the only true constant. 0 can define life in relation to human perception. It is ingenious by its sheer simplicity. 0 is neither

positive nor negative, it is only 0. Zero is the middle of all things. Life like 0 can be nothing but itself. It can not be added, subtracted, multiplied, or divided. Zero therefore will only remain 0, a constant

Even its shape can be applied to the definition of life. The circle is endless, a constant. It has no beginning and no end. 0 is

the greatest of all numbers, yet it is nothingness. It is all in nothingness. Yes, life in theological has beginning and end, but by mental perception it is only the middle.

Even in death the individual perception ceases, but it is still a continuation of the constant time continuum. Mass perception remains constant, at 0. Never up no down, zero defines life.

As Edward Norton eloquently put it in the movie *Fight Club*, "On a long enough time line, everything reverts to Zero."

## Feature Teacher

*Brian Lizotte*

The staff of The Student Informer recognizes Mrs. Catherine Rock as our Feature Teacher for the month of April! Mrs. Rock, or "The Rock" as we fondly refer to her, has been a full time educator at Stark State for a couple of years now. She has three Bachelors degrees (impressive) three masters degrees (extremely impressive) and is currently working on her doctorate. I know, I know, pretty darn amazing. But, don't let this high level of education intimidate you. She is one of the nicest people I have ever met.

I have had the pleasure of having her as an instructor for College Composition and Effective Speaking and could not have asked for a more fair and thorough education in these courses. She is funny too. From a recent Halloween picture (above), you can see that she has a sense



of adventure. Don't see that? hmmm, how about the fact that she is a motorcycle enthusiast? Getting the picture now? OK, so she is smart and funny....but wait, there's more! She is so fluent in French that she has been mistaken for a French Canadian. Pretty cool, huh? And don't even get me started on music; she also plays the French horn!

So, you are probably assuming that she has time for nothing else in her life.....wrong. She and her husband Brian, an engineer at

Goodyear, share their beautiful home with three award-winning cats. The IQ's are high in this household! When you see Mrs. Rock in the hallways of Stark State, make sure to say "hello." Her warm smile and wit are sure to brighten your day. If you are lucky, you will have her as an instructor. I know there will be a time, many years from now, when I will look back on my college days and smile. I will be thinking of one of the best instructors I have ever had "The Rock".

## Project Graduation

*Mary J. Davis*  
Public Relations  
Officer  
Phi Theta Kappa

Support *Project Graduation - Feed a Body Feed a Mind* and you support Stark County. You do not have to wait until May to contribute. Phi Theta Kappa is beginning to collect non-perishable food and "gently used" books now. If you are a student, a faculty member or a Stark State staffer who wants to contribute, see Cherie Barth

in the Admissions Office (Room S305). She will accept your donations. Members of the Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter can start bringing your donations to our monthly meetings. Or, you can also drop them off with Cherie in the Admissions Office.

Phi Theta Kappa is a service organization working to make Stark State a better place and to make a positive impact on our community at large. No contribution is too big or too

small. With your support we can make this effort a true success!



## IMA has awarded a total of \$900 in scholarships

*Jonathan G. Mitchell, CPA*

IMA awards 3 wonderful students, and thanks everyone for taking the time to apply! We wish everyone the very best success in their future academic and professional endeavors.

There is an upcoming meetings for the Stark State Student Chapter of IMA, in room S 204/205, Tuesday, April 13, 2004 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. A panel of SSCT Alumni will share their rich and varied experiences from the real world with us. This is a great opportunity to have a little flavor from the real world of accounting and finance tell you what they did to achieve success beyond their associate degrees. Refreshments will be provided and all accounting and finance department classes are excused from 7:00 – 8:00 PM both evenings so students may attend. Come join us!

## Free HIV Testing

*Brian Lizotte - HIV Outreach Specialist*

The Canton City Health Department has an HIV clinic to perform free HIV screening tests to all who are interested or think that they may be at risk. The clinic is open every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm and every second Thursday of each month. All interested persons will be tested with a new Rapid HIV Screening Test. With this new technology, results will be available within thirty minutes of the sample being taken. A reactive test will mean that additional testing will be needed. For more information, contact the Health Department @ (330) 489-3322. No appointment is needed.

## COMING JANUARY 2005 - WEEKEND COLLEGE

Students in the Information Technology area will be able to complete an Associate Degree Program in less than two years. The initial program will include the Computer Science degree, with other Information Technology programs becoming available later. Each session will be comprised of Friday evenings and Saturdays for 7-9 weeks, depending on courses included in each session. Here is the information:

Accelerated • Saturdays & Some Fridays • Guaranteed classes • Some Web Enable and Web Enhanced courses  
— Take courses in seven to nine week session formats  
— Earn 6-8 credits, or more every session

Holiday weekends, classes are not held.

### Saturday Program Format

This format is designed to provide

## B.L.A.S.T. Golf Outing

*Nate Cline, BLAST President*

The Business Leaders at Stark State College student organization is currently planning its second annual golf outing fundraiser for Saturday May 8th, 2004 at Raintree Country Club. The price to participate is \$40.00 and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch after the first nine holes, and free pop and water through the duration of the event.

The members of B.L.A.S.T. are asking that each of you mention this fundraiser in your classes so that we may increase the participation level from last year. This year, we are also offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to become hole sponsors for the outing. The sponsorships are offered at three levels; Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

The Bronze Level, at a donation of \$50,

students with the opportunity to accelerate the pace of their degree completion while providing challenging and innovative courses in a supportive, adult-oriented setting. Saturday courses are offered in seven, eight, and nine week sessions, depending on the number of credits. Students should plan on being in class from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every Saturday and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. some Fridays for 22 months. On some holiday weekends, classes will not be held i.e. (New Years, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and 2 weeks at Christmas)

Students must attend a mandatory orientation prior to the start of the program. During this orientation, students receive advising and will be given a username & password to get into Webct to obtain syllabi, assignments, and other instructional materials. Students are expected to complete readings and assignments prior to the class meetings. It must be understood that students will spend considerable time outside of the classroom on coursework and readings as well as regularly attend all class sessions.

will give you name recognition in Stark State's newsletter, published monthly to 7,300 students, faculty, and staff, and a Certificate of Sponsorship. A donation of \$100 will enter you into the Silver Level. This level includes all the benefits of the Bronze and your individual or company name will be posted on a sign at the beginning of a hole. A Gold Level Sponsor will receive all of the benefits of the Silver Level in addition to two complimentary rounds of golf at the outing and an engraved plaque thanking you for your support, all for only \$200.

The goal of this golf outing fundraiser is to raise enough money so that we may be able to offer scholarships in the name of the Business Leaders at Stark College to deserving students majoring in Marketing, Management, or Operations. We would appreciate any support you could give to the Business Leaders at Stark State College.

## Attention

The Student Informer is currently looking for writers. You have the opportunity to start your own on-going article. We also like to see letters to the editor, poems, local news interest pieces, and anything that you would like to share with other students. For more information, contact Brian at :

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## Guidelines for Article Submission

Guidelines for submitting articles to The Student Informer are meant to increase efficiency for the writers. It is also necessary to decrease the amount of time required to process and prepare articles to be included in the newspaper.

Optimally, the articles will be written in Microsoft WORD, double spaced with 12 point, Times New Roman text. Attach the document to your email message. All submissions will be due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. Please put "informer article" as your subject.

## News From SHASSTA

*Brian Lizotte*  
*Public Relations Officer*

The Students of Human and Social Services Technologies Association is currently working on an arrangement with the Canton City Health Department to conduct HIV testing on campus. Our goal is to test as many students from Stark State and Kent State Stark Campus that choose this service.

National HIV Testing Day is June 27th. We are hoping to administer these free tests on Monday, June 28th, 2004. Nurses will be on hand to administer the tests and Canton City Health Department professionals will be on hand

to answer any question. Members of SHASSTA will also be there to lend support in any way that is possible, and to supply light refreshments.

The project is coming along great so far, but all of the details are not worked out as of yet.

For more information on SHASSTA or the service event we are planning, feel free to contact me at brianlizotte@sbcglobal.net. Please remember to put "testing" in the subject box.

This is a very important issue facing many people today. Make sure and do your part. Thank You.

## Phi Theta Kappa To Hold Formal Induction Ceremony

Eighty-four Phi Theta Kappa members will be formally inducted at a ceremony slated for Sunday, April 18, 2004, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this prestigious event for our new inductees. Our guest speaker will be Dr. John O'Donnell. An informal reception will follow the program in the Atrium. If you would like to attend, please see Cherie Barth in the Admission Office (Room S305).

## Grad Fair 2004, All Students Welcome

Stark State College of Technology will hold "Grad Fair" on Tuesday April 27th and Wednesday April 28th in the Student Center area. From 10:00 am until 6:00 pm you can find out about Bachelor Degree opportunities and career service opportunities. There will be bookstore specials and graduation announcements.

Come join the fun and check out the

## Ned Saums Scholarship

*Brian Lizotte*

A scholarship in the name of Ned Saums is offered at Stark State. Mr. Saums was a former Division Head of General Studies. "He valued scholarship, honesty, integrity, humor, and striving for a goal." says Mr. Jim Blackstock, Chairperson for the scholarship. Mr. Saums was a friend to many of the faculty members and staff at our college. This scholarship, with the deadline of April 1st of this year, was open for students of various fields of study in human services. Best of luck to all who have applied. The Student Informer will print the name of the scholarship winner, as we will try to do with any we are updated on, in our May issue.

class rings! There will be prize drawings and light refreshments will be provided. Celebrate all of your hard work in achieving your goals.

**Congratulations Graduates!**

## For Your Reading Pleasure

The Student Informer will now be published monthly all year, so keep those articles coming!